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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 19

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bass, Berg, De La Torre, De Leon,
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Salas, and Strickland)

(Coauthor: Senator Aanestad)

March 5, 2007

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 19—Relative to the Healthy Families Program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 19, as amended, Ma. Healthy Families Program.

This measure would memorialize each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program to assure *adequate* federal funding for the Healthy Families Program. The measure would also urge the Governor to use his best efforts to work with the Congressional delegation in that regard and to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families Program.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Legislature regards the health of our children
- 2 to be of paramount importance to families in our state; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Legislature regards poor child health as a
- 4 threat to the educational achievement, and social and psychological
- 5 well-being of the children in our state; and

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers protecting the health of
2 our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest
3 citizens and the quality of life in our state; and

4 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers California's State
5 Children's Health Insurance Program, the Healthy Families
6 Program, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health
7 benefits for children of our state; and

8 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the value of the Healthy
9 Families Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and
10 treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and
11 reducing overall health costs; and

12 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers the federal funding
13 available for the Healthy Families Program to be indispensable to
14 providing health benefits for children of modest means *and finds*
15 *that the success in increasing enrollment of eligible uninsured*
16 *children across the country has caused expenditures of funds to*
17 *exceed the annual federal allotment*; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
19 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges the members of
20 California's delegation to the United States Congress to ensure
21 that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health
22 Insurance Program to assure *adequate* federal funding for the
23 Healthy Families Program; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his
25 best efforts to work with the California Congressional delegation
26 to ensure that the State Children's Health Insurance Program is
27 reauthorized *with adequate funding and* in a timely manner; and
28 be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature proclaims that all components
30 of state government should work together with educators, health
31 care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all
32 available public and private assistance for providing health benefits
33 to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent
34 possible; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his
36 best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and
37 enroll children who qualify for Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families
38 Program; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
40 of this resolution to the Governor, to each Senator and

- 1 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
- 2 States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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